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Mary Jane Scott,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in front of the House Committee that is reviewing the legislation that would allow Suburban Show Place the opportunity to extend the tax abatements already granted to them.

Representative Hugh Crawford is on the right track with his initiative to extend the existing tax abatements granted to the Suburban Collection Show Place. Representative Crawford seems to have a clear understanding of the importance of this project from a general community revenue stand point as well as the taxable revenue gain from all businesses involved both directly and indirectly.

As a hotelier in the local Novi / Wixom community I can immediately see the benefits of having a host hotel attached to the Suburban Show Place complex.

The Rock Financial / Suburban Show Place has driven hundreds of thousands of dollars to my hotel as well as all other hotels in the area, and if the abatements are needed to allow continued growth at that facility than as a business person I support your efforts to add revenue to all the businesses in our local community.

Any tax abatements granted to this project will be offset ten fold by taxable revenue gained at this and all other hospitality related businesses in the area. This is a symbiosis that needs to grow.

It was a pleasure speaking to a group of legislators that understand the value of this project. I wish I were able to attend the Wednesday meeting but have prior commitments in Jackson. I am confident that the Senate will also understand the tremendous tax benefit that Suburban Showplace has not only on the community tax revenue but also threw the Lodging and bed Tax a tremendous benefit to COBO center.

Oakland County is fortunate to have someone like Blair Bowman willing to commit private dollars to grow a public venue like Suburban Show Pace.

My wishes for continued support from both the House and Senate

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